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SUBJECT: MEETING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CORODINATINGCOUNCIL OF
NON-ALIGNED NEWS AGENCIES, HAVANA, APRIL 17-21

REF: (A) STATE 094649, (B) MAPUTO 0474, (C) AMMAN 3467

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1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED GUYANA CHRONICLE OF APRIL 17 CARRIED
REUTER-CANA REPORT FROM HAVANA ON SUBJECT MEETING UNDER
HEAD, "NON-ALIGNED NATIONS TO DISCUSS NEWS POOL".

2. REPORT STATED THAT MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS FROM 19
COUNTRIES BEGAN ON APRIL 17 IN HAVANA THREE DAYS OF TALKS
ACHIEVING GREATER COOPERATION IN NEWS AND COMMUNICATIONS

WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

3. CONTINUING NOTED THAT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL FOR THE COORDINATION OF INFORMATION FROM NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WILL DISCUSS PROGRESS TOWARDS A COMMON NEWS POOL AND COLLABORATION IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

4. ACCORDING TO REPORT, SEVEN AFRICAN, SEVEN ASIAN, FOUR LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES ARE ATTENDING MEETING ALONG WITH ONE EUROPEAN COUNTRY, YUGOSLAVIA. SOMALIA, WHICH BROKE OFF RELATIONS WITH CUBA IN NOVEMBER, 1977, WILL NOT ATTEND. HOWEVER, ARTICLE STATED THAT ZAIRE, WHICH SUSPENDED RELATIONS WITH CUBA A YEAR AGO, HAD INDICATED THAT IT WILL ATTEND.

5. ARTICLE MENTIONS THAT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL WAS FORMED AFTER 1976 NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETING FOR PURPOSE OF DECOLONIZING INFORMATION BETWEEN AND ABOUT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.

6. ONE OF PRINCIPAL WAYS TO ATTAIN THIS GOAL, STATES THE ARTICLE, WAS FORMATION OF INFORMATION POOL FROM AMONG NEWS AGENCIES OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS. INDIA WILL PRESENT PROGRESS REPORT ON INFORMATION POOL AT MEETING.

7. CREATION OF POOL HAS ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL PROBLEMS
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WHICH REPORT SAYS WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING CONFERENCE.

8. DURING CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, NEWS DESPATCH POINTS OUT, SYUGOSLAVIA, AS CHAIRMAN OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION BETWEEN RADIO AND TELEVISION OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, WILL REPORT ON THAT SUBJECT.

9. CONTINUING, ARTICLE REFERS TO COLLABORATION IN INFORMATION AS ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS WHICH EMERGED FROM 1976 SRI LANKA NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AND INDICATES THAT THERE MAY BE DIFFERENCES OF INTERPRETATION AS WELL AS PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH RESPECT TO ACHIEVING COLLABORATION.

10. HEAD OF CUBAN DELEGATION TO MEETING, NIVALDO HERRERA, IS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE AS HAVING SAID THAT CUBA CONSIDERS IT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR EACH COUNTRY TO ESTABLISH SOVEREIGNTY OVER INFORMATION. HERRERA, ADDS REPORT, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT SOVEREIGNTY WAS DEFINED AS "THE RIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY TO INFORM FREELY OVER ITS REALITIES; ADDING THAT HERRERA ALSO SAID, 'THIS IS THE CORNERSTONE ON WHICH WE CAN CONSTRUCT COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES OF DIFFERENCT SOCIAL SYSTEMS'."

11. ARTICLE THEN MENTIONS THAT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL MET PREVIOUSLY IN MARCH 1977 IN TUNIS AND THAT IT WILL CONVENE ONCE MORE PRIOR TO 1979 NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN HAVANA. OTHER SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION DURING MEETING INCLUDE COOPERATION IN THE INFORMATION FIELD WITH UNESCO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES.

12. CONCLUDING, REPORT STATES THAT IRAQ WILL PRESENT A REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE FOR PRESS ASSOCIATIONS OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND COOPERATION IN COMMUNICATIONS. CUBA WILL INFORM THOSE COUNTRIES ATTENDING CURRENT MEETING ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEWS COVERAGE OF 1979 NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR HAVANA.

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COMMENT: REUTER-CANA REPORT CARRIED IN CHRONICLE DID NOT MENTION IF GUYANA IS REPRESENTED AT CURRENT MEETING.
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